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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover:

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3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
4. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
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